

AGENDA

POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Approximate
Time Frame

Wednesday, October 15, 2008 • 2:00 p.m. • Room W020 House Building

2:00 1. Committee Business

- Call to order - Senator Dennis Stowell, Senate Chair
- Approval of the minutes of the September 17, 2008 meeting

(15 min) 2. Quality Growth Commission Report

The Quality Growth Commission will report on the state of quality growth in Utah, including local government planning issues.

- Jaren Davis, Chair, Quality Growth Commission
- John Bennett, Executive Director, Quality Growth Commission

(45 min) 3. Reporting Local Government Boundary Changes

Prior to 2005, the statutory requirements and processes for reporting a local government boundary change were substantially varied for the various types of local governments and types of boundary changes. H.B. 113, "Government Boundary Changes," passed in the 2005 General Session, standardized the flow of information and requirements for reporting a local government boundary change. The process was standardized for reporting an entity creation, dissolution, division, consolidation, annexation, withdrawal, and boundary adjustments for municipalities, counties, special districts, local districts, redevelopment agencies, local school districts, and entities created by interlocal agreement. H.B. 447, "Government Entity Changes," 2008 General Session, was held by the sponsor for interim study. Draft legislation intended to improve the standardized process will be presented. The draft legislation essentially addresses three issues: 1) the level of quality required for the boundary plat; 2) the flow of boundary change information; and 3) various other changes.

- Study sponsor: Rep. Kory Holdaway
- Background: Joseph Wade, Committee Staff Policy Analyst
- Explanation of legislation: Robert H. Rees, Committee Staff Attorney
- Association of County Surveyors
- Association of County Recorders
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

(60 min) 4. Followup Legislation on Local Health Department Funding

In the May and August meetings, the Committee discussed funding for local health departments. Three followup bills will be presented for the committee's consideration. The legislation would include the following: 1) codify the current process for determining the allocation of funding between local health departments and the Utah Department of Health; 2) establish a local public health emergency fund; and 3) make some local health funding amendments.

- Explanation of legislation: Robert H. Rees, Committee Staff Attorney
- Response to legislation:
 - Local Health Departments
 - Utah Department of Health
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

(30 min) 5. Creation of an Assessment Area

A municipality (and some other local entities) is statutorily authorized to designate an assessment area (Title 11, Chapter 42, Part 2). Designation of an assessment area by a local entity allows that local entity to assess the property within the assessment area for the purpose of financing the costs of improvements, operation and maintenance, or economic promotion activities that benefit property within the assessment area. A recent designation raised some concerns about the current statutory process for designating an assessment area. The concerns will be discussed.

- Study sponsor: Senator Mark Madsen
- Comments from those impacted by the recent designation
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

5:00 6. Other Items / Adjourn